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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Trip Report

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1. [REDACTED] has some good points from his trip and has followed up on initiatives from your trip. I wish to make a couple of points which are not new and have plagued the ability of sensitive national intelligence to support NATO. The key is NATO itself and the fact that it's not a very secure entity and has historically and presently been successfully penetrated by the Soviets and other hostile intelligence services. As a result, we should confidently assume that intelligence information flowing to NATO will flow with almost the same alacrity to Moscow. Parenthetically and as a case in point, I have attached a Reuters 9 February flier which notes that the West German police seized top secret "Cosmic" NATO documents on nuclear strategy from a left-wing magazine. Until NATO drastically reverses its security posture, I will remain adamantly opposed to sharing intelligence with them.

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## Attachments:

1. [REDACTED]
2. 9 Feb Reuters

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John - this is the  
item I mentioned to you.

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HAMBURG, WEST GERMANY, FEB 9, REUTER -- WEST GERMAN POLICE HAVE SEIZED TOP-SECRET NATO DOCUMENTS ON NUCLEAR STRATEGY IN A RAID ON THE LEFT-WING SATIRICAL MAGAZINE KONKRET, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE JOURNAL SAID TODAY.

HE ISSUED A STATEMENT THAT THE DOCUMENTS, WHICH HE SAID CARRIED NATO'S HIGHEST SECURITY RATING "COSMIC", WERE CONFISCATED JANUARY 11 FROM THE MAGAZINE'S HAMBURG OFFICES AND THE HOMES OF EDITORS MANFRED BISSINGER AND ANOTHER JOURNALIST. AN EDITORIAL OFFICIAL SAID THE DOCUMENTS WERE GIVEN TO THE MAGAZINE BY MILITARY PERSONNEL.

THE WEST GERMAN NEWSPAPER DIE WELT REPORTED THAT THEY DEALT WITH PROVISIONS FOR A RETALIATORY ATTACK ON THE SOVIET UNION IN THE EVENT OF A SOVIET FIRST STRIKE AND IDENTIFIED SOVIET TARGETS FOR COUNTER-STRIKE.

DIE WELT SAID NATO OFFICIALS HAD BEEN INFORMED OF THE DISCOVERY OF THE 11 PAPERS.

THE CHIEF PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IN KARLSRUHE SAID IT HAD NO COMMENT TO MAKE.

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